



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:) Atty. Dkt. No. P.19385
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BRUWER, Frederick Johannes) Art Unit: 2635
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Application No.: 10/014,664)
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Filed : December 14, 2001)
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 1-24 and replace them with the following new claims:

-- 25. A method of securely transferring data from an encoder to a decoder at which is stored a timer relationship value which is established during a learning process of the encoder and decoder and which is dependent at least on a difference between a value of an encoder timer and a value of an decoder timer, the method including the steps of:

- (a) at the encoder encrypting a data word which at least in part is based on timer information generated by the encoder timer to form a transmission word;
- (b) transmitting the transmission word to the decoder;



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Transmitted herewith are a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

The total number of claims after amendment is 36. The total number of claims already paid for is 24. A small entity extra claim fee of \$108.00 for 12 additional claims is required. A check in the amount of \$108.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees in conjunction with this filing to Deposit Account No. 10-1213.

Respectfully submitted,

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